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# Capital Beijing Classic Highlights - Private Tour - 4 Days

Immerse yourself in China's imperial glory on this curated 4-day private Beijing highlights tour. Stand in grand Tian'anmen Square, explore the storied courtyards of the Forbidden City, and admire the sacred sacrificial altars of the Temple of Heaven. Walk the majestic ridges of the Great Wall and stroll through the royal lake gardens of the Summer Palace, enjoying seamless door-to-door private transfers and dedicated local guide services throughout.

## Tour Highlights

**Four Iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites**: Discover the imperial grandeur of the **Forbidden City**, **Temple of Heaven**, **Great Wall**, and **Summer Palace** with expert commentary.
**Historic Center of Imperial Rule**: Walk across monumental **Tian'anmen Square** and delve into centuries of Ming and Qing dynasty history inside the Forbidden City.
**Magnificent Great Wall Trek**: Stand atop the ancient stone watchtowers of the Great Wall and take in panoramic vistas of rugged mountain ridges.
**Royal Retreat & Lakeside Strolls**: Wander through imperial courtyards, classical pavilions, and scenic bridges along the serene waters of Kunming Lake in the **Summer Palace**.
**Effortless VIP Travel**: Enjoy full-service airport transfers, flexible touring paces, and smooth private transfers throughout the capital.

| Date | Destinations | Attractions, Meals & Transport |
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| 1 | Day 1 Arrival in Beijing | airport - hotel transfer in Beijing |

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| 2 | Day 2 Beijing \| Forbidden City & Temple of Heaven | breakfast, lunch<br><br>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City (UNESCO), Temple of Heaven (UNESCO)<br>Stand in the heart of modern China at the world's largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People.<br>Constructed from 1406 at the very centre of Beijing, the Palace Museum is more widely known as the Forbidden City. Previously home to 24 different emperors, it is the largest palace complex in the world at approximately 720,000 square metres. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City.<br>Completed in 1420, the Temple of Heaven is the largest complex of sacrificial buildings in China that still stands to this day. The temple was visited by Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1636-1912) emperors on an annual basis to pray to the heavens for a good harvest. The subtle employment of acoustic principles used in the construction of the Echo Wall, Triple Sound Stone and Dialogue Stone reflects the advanced architectural technology in use in ancient China.<br><br>**Dinner Suggestions: Iconic Peking Duck**<br>Indulge in a signature feast at a renowned, time-honored restaurant. Savor the legendary roast duck, celebrated for its signature crispy skin, tender meat, and the subtle aroma of fruit-wood roasting. |
| 3 | Day 3 Beijing \| Great Wall & Summer Palace | breakfast, lunch<br><br>The Great Wall (UNESCO), The Summer Palace (UNESCO)<br>The Great Wall is the largest ancient defensive project ever undertaken in China and even the world. Built continuously over 2,000 years starting in the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046-771 BC), the Great Wall now snakes its way across vast areas of northern and central China and has a total length of more than 20,000 km. The wall is a physical illustration of the Chinese philosophy of defending and tolerating rather than expanding and invading.<br>This Qing Dynasty (1636-1912) imperial palace and garden (1636-1912) is the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. Modelled on the West Lake in Hangzhou and borrowing design techniques and artistic ideas from the gardens of Jiangnan south of the Yangtze River, this landscaped park offers the perfect summer retreat. |
| 4 | Day 4 Beijing Departure | hotel - airport transfer in Beijing<br><br>breakfast |

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q: Which section of the Great Wall is included in this itinerary?**
**A:** The classic tour typically visits Mutianyu or Badaling, with Mutianyu being the preferred choice for overseas visitors due to its well-preserved stone towers, cable car options, and less crowded paths.

**Q: What happens if tickets for the Forbidden City are sold out or unavailable?**
**A:** Due to daily visitor caps, Forbidden City tickets are subject to availability. If closed on Mondays or fully booked, the visit can be adjusted to scenic Jingshan Park for panoramic views overlooking the entire imperial palace.

**Q: Is this 4-day tour suitable for visitors on the 240-hour visa-free transit?**

**A:** Yes, this compact itinerary is ideal for international travelers utilizing the visa-free transit policy at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) or Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX).

**Q: Are authentic dining experiences like Peking Duck included?**
**A:** Selected lunches are included in the touring package. For dinner, your private guide will gladly recommend time-honored local restaurants where you can savor authentic Peking roast duck.

## Tour Includes :

-- Private English-speaking tour guide
-- Private Air-conditioned coach
-- Land transfers between airport and hotel
-- Entrance tickets as listed
-- Lunch as listed
-- Hotel with daily breakfast

## Tour Excludes :

-- Cable car of the Great Wall
-- International flights with airport tax
-- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
-- Tips for guides and drivers
-- China Visa
-- Travel insurance

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